

2010 – 2011 D.C. Public Schools Family Application School Breakfast, Lunch, and Afterschool Snacks

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child’s school offers healthy breakfasts and lunches each school day through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; most schools offer afterschool snacks. As part of the residency verification and enrollment process, families need to complete and submit the Family Application for School Lunch and Breakfast. This application helps the D.C. Public School (DCPS) system receive federal reimbursements to provide nutritious meals. There are currently 77 DCPS schools that are certified for Provision 2 status, allowing *all children at those selected schools to receive meals at no charge*. Students that attend these schools are not required to submit a meal application for the 2010-2011 school year (listing of schools available at your school’s main office or visit www.dcps.dc.gov).

Please complete *one* application each school year for *all* students in the household, even if they attend different DCPS schools. **If you receive more than one application, please paperclip the applications together, complete one and submit them to your youngest child’s school.** You may also complete an application online at <https://mealapps.dcps.dc.gov>. If your family is participating in the Food Stamp or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs, your child(ren) qualify for free meals. Otherwise, your application will be reviewed to see if your child(ren) qualify for free, reduced price, or paid meals. For an application in Spanish, Mandarin, Amharic, Vietnamese, or French, please call 202-576-7400 or visit the DCPS website at www.dcps.dc.gov.

Presently, for school year 2010-2011, lunch costs \$1.25 for elementary students and \$1.50 for secondary students. Reduced price lunch is \$0.20 for both elementary and secondary school students. Even though breakfast is free for all students, all families still need to submit the family school meal application so that schools can get adequate federal reimbursements for serving breakfast.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint alleging discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call, toll free, (866) 632-9992 (Voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal Relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 3778642 (relay voice users). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Also, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, approved December 13, 1977 (DC Law 2-38; DC Official Code §2-1402.11(2006), as amended) prohibits discrimination on the basis of marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibilities, familial status, source of income, place of residence or business, genetic information, matriculation, or political affiliation of any individual. To file a complaint alleging discrimination on one of these bases, please contact the District of Columbia’s Office of Human Rights at (202) 727-4559.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get free or reduced price school meals for my child? You must complete the Family Application for School Lunch and Breakfast. Return the application along with your other enrollment materials to your youngest child’s school.

- **What if I am receiving Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families?** Your child(ren) are eligible for free school meals. You only need to complete Parts 1 and 2 of the application (make sure to include your case number), and sign at the bottom.
- **What if I am applying for a foster child?** You only need to complete Parts 1 and 3 (make sure to include the child’s “personal use income”), and sign at the bottom. Complete a separate application for each foster child who resides with you.
- **What if I am applying for a homeless, migrant, or runaway child?** Your child(ren) are eligible for free and reduced price meals. You only need to need to complete Parts 1 and 4, and sign at the bottom.
- **In Part 5, who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (e.g., grandparents, other relatives, friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you, who are not listed in Part 1. *If you are submitting the application for a family receiving Food Stamps or TANF or a homeless, migrant, runaway, or foster child, you do not have to complete Part 5.*
- **Will the information I give be checked?** The information on the application may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers to verify this information.

If my child(ren) do not qualify for free or reduced priced meals and I do not want to provide my information, do I still need to submit a meal application? Yes. Complete Part 1 only and check “REFUSAL OF BENEFITS” box then go to Part 6, sign and date the form and return to your youngest child’s school. DCPS must account for all meal applications.

If my children do not qualify for free or reduced price meals now, may I apply later? Yes. Even if your children do not qualify now, you should apply again if you have a change, such as if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps or TANF.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount you usually get. For example, if you normally get \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1,000 per month. If you usually get overtime pay, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes. If a household member does not receive any income, you can check the “No income” box next to his or her name.

What is the income limit for my child to qualify for free or reduced price meals? Your child(ren) may qualify for either reduced price or free meals if your household income falls below the limits on this chart.

Income Eligibility Guidelines: Federal Income Chart - this information is for the 2009-2010 school year and will be updated and available in July 2010 on the DCPS website at www.dcps.dc.gov or you may contact the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 202-576-7400.											
Effective From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Federal Poverty Guidelines	Reduced Meal Prices - 185%							Free Meal Prices - 130%		
	Annual	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM AND TERRITORIES											
1.....	10,830	20,036	1,670	835	771	386	14,079	1,174	587	542	271
2.....	14,570	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519	18,941	1,579	790	729	365
3.....	18,310	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
4.....	22,050	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552
5.....	25,790	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645
6.....	29,530	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739
7.....	33,270	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832
8.....	37,010	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926
For each additional family member, add ...	3,740	6,919	577	289	267	134	4,862	406	203	187	94

If my child has a disability can I get a meal substitution? All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child is determined by a doctor to be disabled and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. For more information, please contact the Executive Director of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 3535 V Street, NE, Washington, DC 20018, telephone (202) 576-7400.

Do I have to provide a social security number? To qualify for free or reduced price meals, you must include the social security number of the household member signing the form or indicate that the household member signing the form does not have a social security number, by checking the box “I do not have a Social Security Number.” Even if you check the box, your child(ren) can still qualify for free or reduced price meals. Note: for households participating in Food Stamps or TANF or applying for homeless, runaway, migrant, or foster children, you do *not* need to supply a social security number.

What if I disagree with the school’s decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 3535 V Street, NE, Washington, DC 20018, telephone (202) 576-7400.

Privacy Act Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. (If you choose not to submit the information, check the “refusal of benefits” box on the application.) You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

PROVISION II NOTIFICATION:

If your student attends one of the following schools, you do not need to complete the FARM application form.

1. Amidon Elementary School
2. Anacostia Senior High School
3. Ballou Senior High School
4. Bancroft Elementary School
5. Barnard Elementary School
6. Beers Elementary School
7. Brightwood Elementary School
8. Burrville Elementary School
9. Choice Academy
10. Cleveland Elementary School
11. Columbia Heights Education Center
12. Coolidge Senior High School
13. Davis Elementary School
14. Drew Elementary School
15. Dunbar High School
16. Eastern Senior High School
17. Eliot / Hine Middle School
18. Emery Education Campus
19. Ferebee-Hope Elementary School
20. Garfield Elementary School
21. Garrison Elementary School
22. Hamilton Center
23. Harris, C.W. Elementary School
24. Hart Middle School
25. Hendley Elementary School
26. Houston Elementary School
27. Jefferson Middle School
28. Johnson Middle School
29. Kelly Miller Middle School
30. Kenilworth Elementary School
31. Ketcham Elementary School
32. Kimball Elementary School
33. King, M.L Elementary School
34. Kramer Middle School
35. LaSalle-Backus EC
36. Leckie Elementary School
37. Ludlow-Taylor ES
38. Luke C. Moore Academy
39. MacFarland Middle School
40. Mamie D Lee Special Education Center
41. Miner Elementary School
42. Moten Elementary at Wilkinson
43. Nalle Elementary School
44. Noyes Education Campus
45. Orr Elementary School
46. Patterson Elementary School
47. Payne Elementary School
48. Plummer Elementary School
49. Prospect LC
50. Randle Highland Elementary School
51. Raymond Elementary School
52. Reed Learning Campus
53. River Terrace Elementary School
54. Ronald H. Brown Middle School
55. Seaton Elementary School
56. Shaed Education Campus
57. Sharpe Health Special Education Center
58. Shaw Middle School at Garnet-Patterson
59. Simon Elementary School
60. Smothers Elementary School
61. Sousa Middle School
62. Spingarn High School
63. Stanton Elementary School
64. Terrell Mc Elementary School
65. Thomas Elementary School
66. Transition Academy
67. Truesdell Education Center
68. Tubman Elementary School
69. Turner Elementary School at Green
70. Webb/Wheatley Education Center
71. Whittier Education Campus
72. Wilson, J.O. Elementary School
73. Winston Education Campus
74. Woodson Academy at Ron Brown
75. Youth Engagement Academy